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GOODYKOONTZ IS CANDIDATE FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

Form. Fifth District Congressman Faces Race in Response To Strong Demand Developing Over State and Following Great Ovation In His Hometown



HON. WELLS GOODYKOONTZ

Williamson, W. Va., April 7th.—Hon. Wells Goodykoontz, whose distinguished service as president of the West Virginia Senate, member of Congress and other places of public trust has made him well and favorably known throughout the state, declared himself a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator following a mass meeting here Saturday attended by 900 Republicans of his home county of Mingo at which he was given unanimous and enthusiastic endorsement.

Resolutions urging Mr. Goodykoontz to enter this race rather than to seek his old seat in congress were offered in the mass meeting by Senator M. Z. White, Chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee, and a fellow townsman.

Republican leaders, particularly in the southern part of the state and in the Fifth district, which Mr. Goodykoontz represented in congress four years, have given close attention to the developments and the crystallization of sentiment since the recent withdrawal of Hon. Edward Cooper, of Bramwell, from the senatorial race. Their observations led them to urge Mr. Goodykoontz to become a candidate.

Close friends of Mr. Goodykoontz declare that he will become one of the leading candidates almost at once and that the chances for his nomination are very bright.

Mr. Goodykoontz in response to the acclaim tendered him at the mass meeting stated that his formal announcement will be made and his platform announced at the earliest possible time. He will tour the state and make an aggressive campaign. He believes that his claims should be considered in the light of past performances rather than by mere political promises.

In the house of delegates; in the state senate, first as majority leader and then as president of the senate and in congress he has demonstrated to all his position on public questions. Columns would be required to catalog the measures he has supported in the interest of all the people, without class distinction. The farmer, the miller, the teacher and above all the laborer can testify to his unflinching sympathy and active, constant support.

By profession Mr. Goodykoontz is a lawyer and has served as president of the West Virginia Bar Association. As a business man he has been at the head of a national bank since it was founded. During the war he was state chairman of the committee of lawyers that directed the bar in assisting registrants and soldiers and wrote a booklet giving a digest of the laws affecting soldiers and sailors, their families and dependents. Many thousand copies of this booklet were printed and circulated.

Mr. Goodykoontz is conservative rather than reactionary; progressive and liberal rather than radical. He has never been involved in factional fights in the party. He stands for the great primary industries of West Virginia—coal, mining, manufacturing and agriculture. He has ably defended the good name of the state and its people.

Mr. Goodykoontz has voted time and again for the soldiers' compensation or bonus bill and having very deep convictions on that subject will, if elected, adhere to his old policy. The soldier, he points out, is to be the future taxpayer of the country and will therefore carry his share of the burden.

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The passage of the compensation bill should not militate against the reduction of taxes, Mr. Goodykoontz holds. The war debt need not be paid at once. Let it be distributed over a hundred years. Future generations should pay their part since the fight was to make the world safe for them as well as ourselves.

In view of the ripe experience of Mr. Goodykoontz as a business man, lawyer and legislator, it is believed that he would be a valuable man to the state and nation if elected to the office of senator.

No man could receive more fulsome praise than did Mr. Goodykoontz from his friends and neighbors who have been closely associated with him for a quarter of a century. The resolutions, presented by Senator White in Saturday's mass meeting and adopted amid stirring scenes and great applause, are as follows:

"The Republican party of Mingo county, assembled in mass meeting at Williamson, W. Va., April 5, 1924, nominates its favorite son, Wells Goodykoontz, for United States Senator from West Virginia, and presents him to the party of the state as the man pre-eminently qualified as its candidate for the high office and to lead us to assured success in November."

"As his neighbors, friends, business and party associates, we know him and his ability, his integrity and his worth. For thirty years he has been with us and of us, and in that time we have learned his measure as a man, a friend, a public servant, a legislator and a real leader in thought and action. We present him to the men and women in our party in our great state as the one fitted in every way to fill the office so as to reflect credit on our state and our party."

"Wells Goodykoontz is splendidly equipped for the office, an ideal candidate, and if chosen will take his place in the senate as a leader, able, willing and eager to care for the interests of West Virginia and its people."

"He is a lawyer in the top rank of his profession in the state. He is a business man of wide experience, strict integrity and sound judgment. He is a legislator of wide and valuable experience and a constructive statesman of courage and vision."

"We sent him to the House of Delegates and he served us so ably that this district promoted him to the state senate. There his outstanding ability caused his fellow members to make him president of that body. His record there was such as to result in his nomination and triumphant election to congress. He served two terms in congress, winning the praise of all West Virginians because of his fidelity, industry and marked ability. He permitted no one to assault or insult our state on the floor of the House without striking back forcefully and convincingly. He is a trained speaker, a good debater and loves his state and his fellow men."

"His career as a legislator was temporarily halted in 1922 by the Democratic landslide when he was displaced by a Democrat, but even then he ran 3,425 votes ahead of his ticket and is stronger today in the estimation of the people of his home county and district than ever before."

"Wells Goodykoontz is the man of the hour to choose as our standard bearer in West Virginia, and with him as our candidate every voter of our party can proudly and cheerfully support his candidacy and render certain his election."

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Notice

All parties having claims against the estate of H. D. Hively, deceased will present them properly proven to the undersigned Executor for settlement. All parties owing the above estate will please come forward at once and settle. This the 14th day of April, 1924. W. A. Hively, Executor.

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ABOUT THE COUNTRY

It does seem like that in this hurry ing age we now live in that the im portant subject of ghosts has been laid. There may be a number of reasons. One is that the ghost busi ness was such a fertile field for the ever ready liar, that the man who has the now unusual experience of having seen a ghost is the last person to relate it.

And just here I want to write down before I forget it that a person cant be mistaken about a ghost. Of tentimes he may think he sees one, but when he does see a ghost he knows it. This statement I can best illustrate by recalling the experience of any one who has walked in snaky places. Most any sound in the grass or leaves will startle, but when a rattler sounds his warning there is no mistaking it even by a person who has never before heard it.

Another thing that plays the wild with ghosts is the fact that there is no longer any evening home life. These artificial lights carry the day too far into the night. There is so much reading to drug the mind that there is neither time, nor opportunity nor desire for mind and manner development such as was afforded by the open hearth of the evening fires of the hundreds of generations of our forefathers.

No self respecting ghost would appear to or possibly commune with the modern materialist who believes he finds joy in the four walls of his prison house in the daily grind of meeting expenses.

To know about ghosts a body has to have his feet on the ground, and dare to look in upon himself and out of himself, and around about himself and beyond himself. To keep from doing all this looking most of us have to keep powerful busy working at our jobs and working to keep our minds wandering.

Of late years I have been wonder ing if the latter day colored folks remain any better off than us white people, and if they still believe in and tell ghost stories. I have asked old colored friends about it but they wont tell me any thing. It is one of the penalties a white boy child pays for growing into manhood—his old colored friends cease to place implicit trust in his belief in ghosts, tokens and haunts.

I asked a bright colored boy of my acquaintance if he believed in ghosts. He said he had never seen one and was not sure whether he still believed in them or not. The older folk had told him much about them, but his professor had said there was nothing to this ghost business. The boy had an open mind, and was not as yet committed to either side of the question. However, I fear the cheap tin stove and the public school is fast bringing the colored race out of their age of romance.

I will here diverge and say that I used the term "bright" in the above paragraph as meaning intelligent. In my day, the word bright was in common use by the colored people to describe a negro with a yellow skin—a mulatto.

Talking about colored people hav ing no confidence in a white man's sincerity in belief about ghosts, I well remember when I lost my stand ing with an aged retainer of the fam ily. He had been born with a veil cow—and of a consequence he was a natural born ghost seer. For years Uncle Billy had been stuffing me full of spirit lore. I had reached the mat ure age of ten years; I had sud denly developed the questioning habit. He put me off his lap with the re mark that I wanted to know how come too much; that something bad was going to come to me; that I would grow up andy like become a lawyer. Things turned out worse than Uncle Billy foresaw—I drifted into the newspaper column. I cant say that colored people have ever really been confidential with me since that must have been the day I began to grow up.

But about local ghosts, I have not heard about Gregory's ghost for a long time. This story is somewhat peculiar in that it has to do with dogs. I do not know that any one has ever seen Gregory's Ghost, but some night during the hunter's moon somewhere in the Hill country of Knapps Creek some persons can hear Gregory's hounds furiously running a trail.

Gregory Knapp or Knapp Gregory was a hunter, and about 175 years ago he kept his hunters camp some where on Knapps Creek, which stream bears his name to this day. One day he returned from the hunt, but left his dogs in the woods. He surprised a party of men robbing his camp. The robbers killed him. To leave the impression that Knapp had been carried away captive by an Indian war party, the robbers decided to hide Gregory's body in a pond or sink hole some distance away. The dogs came home, took the trail of the robbers, and followed it in full cry to the sink hole or pond. The dogs were so close after the robbers and were so savage that the robbers killed them too. And for years after in the fall of the year at the right time in the hunters moon the settlers could hear the furious coursing of Gregory's hounds in the hills of the Knapps creek Valley, as they run again their last chase to their mas ter's body.

That is the tale of Gregory's ghost as I remember it as told me by aged people now dead.

Since writing the above I have looked up in history what I could find about Knapp Gregory or Gregory Knapp.

There is nothing in the Chalkley papers of Augusta County about Gregory Knapp, but the name Nap thalium Gregory appears in a num ber of places in all three volumes. On May 20, 1752 a road was ordered built from Widow Jackson's to Naris Creek and Nap Gregory was appointed to do it. In the year 1750 the sheriff returned him delinquent for the non-payment of taxes and gave as a reason that he could not be found in 1752 he was summoned in the settling of an estate as an eye witness to the killing of a man by Indians at Greenbrier, August 18 1702. Mary Gregory qualified as ad ministratrix of Naphthium Gregory. Andrew Shillington was her surety.

The appraisers of the estate were John Warwick, Alex Glasple and James Hamilton. The sale was made on the 13th of September, 1752, and Joshua Ewing is listed as one who made purchases. In many of the old papers Knapps Creek is referred to as Ewings Creek. August 24, 1782, the suit of Nap Gregory vs Stephen Wilson was abated by reason of the death of the plaintiff. In 1754 Naphthium Gregory was listed as having been paid a debt by an administrator. In March, 1775, Mary Gregory asks the court to pay her eleven pounds and ten shillings for a cow and four hogs taken from her by Indians about five years before. The Indians said they were Mingoes. Mrs. Gregory's home is given as the head of Greenbrier River. The account was sworn to before John Poage. In 1790 Mary Gregory was in the dislin guent list and the sheriff noted that she had moved to Kentucky.

There seems, however, to have been another Nap Gregory, for in 1771, one James Gregory makes a will in which he leaves five pounds to his brother Naphthaly Gregory. May be he was the hunter who tradi tion says was killed in these moun tains, and whose dogs at last account were still looking for him.

FAMILY SALT SHAKER BECOMES DOCTOR

The family salt shaker will assume the position of physician in preven tion and treatment of simple goitre, if housewives adopt the plan endorsed by the state health department.

Table salt, containing 01 percent of sodium iodine, has appeared on the market after a recommendation made to leading salt manufacturers by the state medical society and department of health of Michigan. Iodine is thereby supplied to the family in the natural place—in the food; for it has long been known that simple goitre is caused by a deficiency of iodine in the food and drinking water in regions of the world where nature lacks iodine, goitre is most prevalent.

As West Virginia is one of the "goitre sections" of the United

States, State Health Commissioner Henshaw approves of the iodine salt and believes that the exclusive use of this salt on the table and for cooking will furnish an equivalent of the amount of iodine now received thru nature by persons living in the goitre free areas. Goitre experts for some time have agreed that the logical place to supply the iodine deficiency would be through some common article of food.

Physical examination in eleven localities of school girls between the ages of 9 and 19, showed that an average of 51 per cent were afflicted with simple goitre, according to the department of health, and about one third as many boys as girls are affected. Over 6,000 school children of the state are now taking chocolate iodine tablets for prevention and treatment of this type of goitre which is said to most likely develop between the ages of 9 and 18 and during pregnancy.

"If iodine salt is universally used in the home, both on the table and in the cooking, the prospects of ma terially reducing the number of cases of simple goitre would be promising," is the statement made by State Health Commissioner Henshaw.

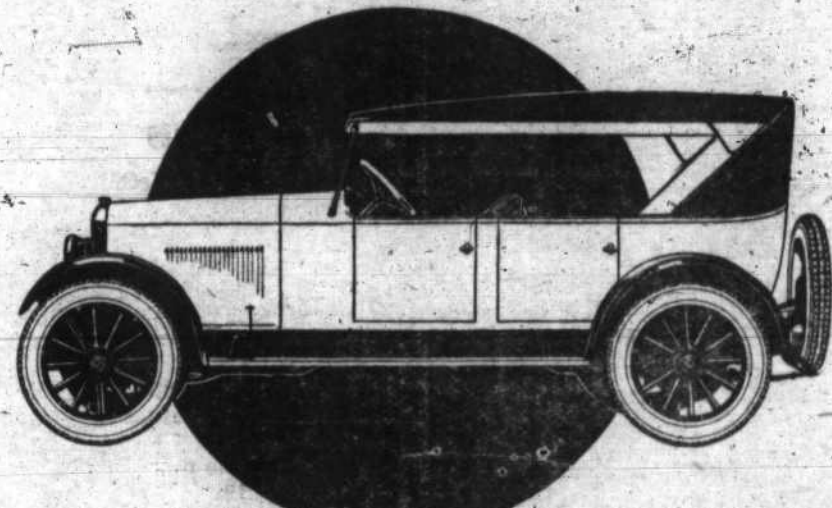
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